DoD Worldwide Education Symposium in Orlando:

Helpful Hints

Consider these items to help ensure a trouble-free and enjoyable learning experience at the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium, July 17-21, 2006 in Orlando, Fla.

BEFORE ARRIVAL

- Registration fee paid?
- Hotel reservation made?
- If federal employee, tax exempt form downloaded?
- If flying, discount coupon for airport shuttle downloaded?
 - Running/walking shoes and swimsuit packed?

• Sweater/ light jacket packed if A/C is too cool for you?

• Program schedule reviewed and desired sessions noted?

ON SITE

- Tax exempt form turned in at hotel registration?
- Symposium materials picked up in WW06 registration rea?
- Symposium registration fee receipt picked up during onsite registration?
- Liability form for Wednesday's Fun Walk/Run signed at registration or morning of event?
 - Scheduled sessions and activities fully participated in?
- Any problems brought to the attention of the WW06 staff? (office located in the Los Angeles room.)
- Symposium feedback provided to the WW06 Planning Committee?
- When flying out, departed for airport a minimum of 2 1/2 to 3 hours prior to flight?

BACK HOME

• Relax and start thinking about WW09 in Atlanta, Ga.!







Portion of Worldwide Symposium available on podcasts

If you are not able to attend the WW06 Symposium, you will be able to listen to short audio clips providing educational viewpoints from Symposium presenters and attendees. Through Dallas TeleCollege coordination, Apple Computer company employees will create podcasts during the Symposium. You will have two ways to access these podcasts: either through the Apple iTunes Web site at http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts or through our Symposium Web site at http://www.ww06.com, after the Symposium has ended. Check out the DANTES Web site at http://www.dantes.doded.mil for more information by the end of July.

Podcasting is the method of distributing multimedia files, such as audio programs or music videos, over the Internet using either the RSS or Atom syndication formats, for playback on mobile devices and personal computers.

The term **podcast**, like 'radio', can mean both the content and the method of delivery. The host or author of a podcast is often called a **podcaster**.

Podcasting's essence is about creating content (audio or video) for an audience that wants to listen or watch when they want, where they want, and how they want.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podcast

Testing Calendar

August 2006

4 Excelsior Extended

Response (Essay)

5-9 Praxis *

September 2006

16–20 Praxis * 30 LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date. CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

Reminder: The SAT Program shuts down scoring in late summer. Do not schedule SAT testing July - September. See the DEPH Chapter 3.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/05-06cal.pdf

ASE fall testing

The Automotive Services Excellence (ASE) fall administration cycle information goes online the week of June 26. The deadline for ordering ASE exams is Sept. 23. The exam dates for CONUS are Nov. 9, 14, and 16. The overseas dates are Nov. 14, 15, and 16.

You can find the required forms and instructions on the DANTES Web site under "Certification Programs." The Web address is http://www.dantes.doded.mil or send an e-mail to certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Success story

Tusker U report card

The Army's 4th Battalion, 64th Armor, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga., is known as Task Force Tusker 4-64. Lieutenant Colonel Robert Roth, the 4-64 Armored Battalion Commander, decided that his Soldiers deserved a personal and professional development opportunity upon their redeployment. During the lowered operational tempo, Roth coordinated with the Army Education Center to provide college courses during duty hours for an eight-week term. Two briefings were conducted so that 131 Soldiers could learn about the benefits of the Servicemembers Opportunity College – Army Degree (SOCAD) program, College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript Service (AARTS), basics of college and college courses, as well as how to use the \$4,500 in annual Army Tuition Assistance (TA) available to every Soldier.

Columbia College on Fort Stewart stepped up with a full college schedule available to the Tuskers and 'Tusker U' was born.

Maj. Martin Barr, Master Sgt. Charles Johnson, and Staff Sgt. Stephen Tinney worked closely with the Education Center to place Soldiers in the educational program best suited to the individuals. This set them up for success.

Eleven Soldiers brushed up on basic skills with the Lifetime Library program at the Education Center to improve their general/technical scores of the ASVAB. Seventy-four Soldiers enrolled with Columbia College and 70 completed their courses during the eight-week term. The first term of Tusker U ended with 300 semester hours of college credit earned in the classroom.

Soldiers took advantage of the joint Education Center/Columbia College eCLEP system by taking 18 College Level Evaluation Program (CLEP) exams. They took practice exams, moved on to the electronic exam, and had results immediately. The eCLEP program allowed Soldiers to know instantly whether they could earn results from testing or if they needed to enroll in a particular course. A possible total of 98 semester hours of college credit were earned during these 90-minute testing sessions.

During the next eight-week education cycle, Tusker U's Soldiers earned almost 400 college hours by taking classes or testing for credit. This service is free to all Soldiers.

Education makes a good Soldier better!

(Submitted by Pamela H. King, Education Services Officer, Army Education Center, Ft. Stewart, Ga.)

EMT computes January 2007

Beginning in January 2007, the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) paper and pencil testing of the EMT-Basic exam goes away and the delivery moves to a computer-based-testing (CBT) format. NREMT has selected Pearson VUE as their CBT provider for administration of their EMT-Basic examination. At one time, military testing on the EMT-Basic examination totaled 12–15,000 Service members every year. This major change will have a significant impact on Service-member testing. According to NREMT, some clinics at certain military bases will offer the EMT-Basic exam. However, course trainers cannot administer the exam.

The "other" ACE Guide: The National Guide

You know how valuable the ACE Guide is for Service members, but did you know that ACE's other guide, the ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training, http://www.acenet.edu/nationalguide/contains college credit recommendations for formal courses that can also be used by Service members toward their academic degree programs?

Organizations such as the AMC Logistics Leadership Center, American Society of Military Comptrollers, Federal Aviation Administration, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, MWR Academy, National Cryptologic School, Navy Personnel Command, U.S. Army CECOM Directorate for Safety, U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center, U.S. Army Management Staff College, U.S. Army Safety Center, U.S. Naval Facilities Acquisition Center for Training, and others are listed in the "other" ACE guide.

ACE has reviewed thousands of training courses for Fortune 500 corporations, associations, labor unions, government agencies, schools, and training suppliers. Each course must pass successfully through a review conducted by college faculty teams to determine college-level equivalency. For a complete list of organizations offerings ACE college-credit recommended courses, click on http://www.acenet.edu/clll/corporate/participating orgs.cfm.

The ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training is only available online. The American Council on Education is no longer printing it. The online version has the latest course recommendations as ACE teams finish their evaluations.

"Need A Lift" is out of stock

Currently, DANTES is out of stock of the *Need A Lift*, 55th Edition, DANTES Stock #2402. This is a college financial aid handbook published by the American Legion.

purchase order in place for more copies. However, the next printing is September 2006 with delivery scheduled for October 2006.

DANTES has a



In October, DANTES will make an automatic distribution to those of you who have this feature completed for your account. If you are not sure if you have an automatic distribution set up or the number of copies may not be correct, contact the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil for assistance.

The Need A Lift inventory exhausted itself a little quicker this year than in past years. Hopefully, this will not inconvenience your clients too much until the new copies arrive. Your clients may wish to use other DANTES-provided financial aid publications or go online to your Service's Library Education Resource Center.

Financial aid for spouses

Dantes has developed a Web site entitled Financial Aid for Spouses of Service Members, located on our home page, http://www.dantes.doded.mil.

Look on the left side of the page under Counselor Support Programs. Put your cursor on that block, and the first block you see will be Financial Aid for Spouses of Service Members. It was also posted on "Hot News" on May 17. This is an ongoing project, so if you run across any other scholarships, grants, loans for spouses, be sure to send them to counseling@voled.doded.mil and they will be added to the list, which is quite comprehensive. Please pass on this information to other counselors that you work with, as it is an excellent resource for spouses.

TCO Workshop date changes

The August Test Control Officer (TCO) Workshop dates have been changed from Aug. 15-17 to Aug. 8-10, 2006.

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e-mailed to
you every
month,
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The DIB is also available on the front of the DANTES Web site at http://www.dantes.doded.mil.

Questions? Call CML (850)452-1763 or DSN 922-1763.

Education award nominations sought

Every year at the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE) conference, the Commission on Military Education and Training (CMET) provides awards for the Tilton David Military Educator of the Year, the Ray Ehrensberger Award for Institutional Excellence in Military Education and the Leon Y. McGaughey Adult Military Learner of the Year. These awardees are selected from CMET member nominations provided from the field, using the criteria listed below. Consider making a nomination to honor deserving persons and institutions who have provided service excellence to our military members. The awards nominations are due Sept. 8.

ELIGIBILITY

Tilton Davis Award: Any educator, military or civilian, associated with any of the Services or institutions serving a military population who has (1) served with distinction for a period of 10 or more years, (2) has made such contributions to the field as to have left an indelible personal mark in military education, and (3) embodies the qualities of a true mentor within the profession: knowledgeable, committed, caring, and leading, is eligible for the award. The award may be presented to an individual currently working in the field or to one retired or presently working in another area. Activities in the field of military education in years other than the award year will be considered in the selection process.

Ray Ehrensberger Award: Any accredited institution providing educational services for a predomi-

nantly military population that meets or exceeds the following criteria is eligible for the award. The institution must have served the military education community for at least five (5) years, distinguished itself through unusually innovative and dedicated contributions to the



principles of adult military education, and embody those qualities of an institution committed to the lifelong learning of adults, particularly within the U.S. military community.

Leon Y. McGaughey Award:

The nominee must have been a student or self-directed learner during the 12 months prior to the nomination date, must be or have served in the military while pursuing the educational objective(s) for which nominated, and must have notable responsibilities beyond him- or herself and/or a challenging work situation. The nominee should demonstrate success in areas such as: (1) has visibly improved the life

situation of self/others as a result of learning experiences, (2) has demonstrated leadership with formal or nontraditional learning environments, (3) has maintained family, civic, or employment responsibilities at a high level while concurrently pursuing educational goals, and/or (4) has overcome difficult circumstances in order to pursue adult learning experiences.

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Nominations can be e-mailed to maryanne.vaughn@us.army.mil. All nominations must be received by close of business (1630) on **Sept. 8** in order to be considered for 2006 awards.

In September, all of the nominations will be forwarded to the selection committee, who will review information regarding candidates and provide their top three selections for each award to the Awards Chair. Based on the information provided, the names of the winners will then be forwarded to the CMET President, who will contact them via e-mail or telephone. Questions should be addressed to Mary Anne Vaughn at CML 315-772-0343, DSN 772-0343.

Online test takers

Are your Distance Learning exam administrations increasing?

An article at http://insidehighered.com/news/2006/06/02/proctor discusses Troy University's efforts to resolve this situation. Read Proctor 2.0 on how one institution is working to monitor online test takers with audio, a video camera, and a fingerprint sensor.

From the Advisor's Desk

Enlisted leadership at Worldwide Education Symposium

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

As we fast approach the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium 2006 (WW06), scheduled from July 17-21 in Orlando, Fla., I

must tell you about the WW06 Senior Enlisted Panel! This panel comprises the Senior Enlisted representatives of each Service, to include the Coast Guard and Reserve Components. The subject of this panel is "Creating a Culture of Learning: Across the Military and Around the Globe," and is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18 as part of the WW06 General Session. This event adds to the growing list of

"reasons why" all VolEd professionals should attend WW06. This panel promises to be an informative and insightful assembly of perspectives, support, and inspiration, serving to bolster the educational endeavors of our enlisted Service members.

I am very pleased to announce planned appearances from the Senior Enlisted representatives from:

The Army:

Sergeant Major of the Army, Sergeant Major K. O. Preston

The Marine Corps:

Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major J. L. Estrada

The Navy:

Force Master Chief, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education, Master Chief Petty Officer M. J. McCalip **The Air Force**:

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Master Sergeant R. J. McKinley

The Coast Guard:

Command Master Chief, Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific, Command Master Chief P. A. Stolle **The Guard and Reserve Components**:

Senior Enlisted Advisor, ASD, Reserve Affairs, Command Sergeant Major L. W. Holland.

Their presence and remarks will highlight the importance of the symposium and validate our mutual commitment to supporting the enlisted members of our Armed Services. Don't miss this event- I'll see you there!

Have you registered for WW06? For WW06 registration information, visit http://www.ww06.com.



Navy Tuition Assistance news

Education is and will continue to be a key factor in the personal and professional development of Sailors. Navy leadership is committed to providing financial assistance to all active duty Sailors as they pursue their educational goals.

Effective immediately, all active duty sailors are eligible for 100 percent of Tuition Assistance (TA),

up to \$250 per semester hour (SH) and up to 16 SH per fiscal year (increase from the historical limit of 12 SH.)

Sailors desiring to take more than 16 SH per FY must submit a waiver request. Each waiver package will be objectively considered by a review board and evaluated on its own merits. However, in no case, will waivers be approved for more than the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) limit of \$4,500 per FY at the \$250 SH cap.

More TA and waiver information may be obtained from the Navy College Web site at https:// www.navycollege.navy.mil. (NAVADMIN 166/06)

MIVER Workshop scheduled for Atlanta in August

DANTES, in coordination with the American Council on Education (ACE), is offering a Military Installation Voluntary Education Review (MIVER) Workshop entitled, "Preparing for a MIVER Visit" on Aug. 29-30. The workshop is specifically targeted for ESOs and college representatives selected for a MIVER visit in 2007. Although there are many colleges who have programs on multiple installations, we request that only a single representative from that institution attend; specifically, the individual responsible for providing institutional data and other report information requested by the MIVER office.

The MIVER preparation workshop is being offered for the first time at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, Ga. (site of the 2009 DoD Worldwide Education Symposium). The goal is to provide each ESO and designated school representative with the "tools" to better prepare and be informed of the

MIVER processes, who is involved

onsite, how to develop a good self-study report, what to plan for and expect during a MIVER visit, activities required in advance of the visit, and what happens after a MIVER visit.

For hotel reservations, call (800) 228-9290. Mention the codewords- "2006 DANTES MIVER" to receive the negotiated government rate. Make your reservation prior to Aug. 1 to ensure a room at this rate.

Who should attend?

- ESOs at MIVER sites selected for a visit in 2007.
- School representatives responsible for preparing MIVER report information from their home college.
- Service Headquarter personnel directly involved with the MIVER

MIVER Workshop

"Preparing for a MIVER Visit in 2007"

When: Aug. 29-30, 2006

Time: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Atlanta, Ga. Marriott Marquis Hotel (downtown Atlanta)

program.

Forward notification of attendance to Pat Landry at *high-edu@voled.doded.mil*. Questions? Contact Pat Landry at DSN 922-1732 or CML 850-452-1763.

First-of-its-kind program to tackle teacher shortage

Addressing the national need for teachers that is especially acute in the Las Vegas area, the Clark County School District (CCSD) and Troops for Teachers are partnering

to launch a first-of-its-kind Hire in Advance
Program. The program
guarantees teaching jobs
for eligible military up to
three years before they

retire or separate from active duty.

In general, the program works as follows: military members can send in applications and interview with school officials, who can officially hire them up to three years before they are scheduled to leave active duty. During that time, military members can finish the necessary schooling and teaching requirements, facilitating a seamless

> transition between active duty and the start of their new careers.

The program was unveiled at an official ceremony in Las Vegas on

June 9. During the ceremony, the program's first three Hire in Advance Program agreements were awarded to Capt. Dayton Rogalski (Air Force), Sgt. Shanell Wingate (Air Force Reserve) and Sunny Lee (military spouse). Lee is a Spouses

to Teachers participant.

New teachers are sorely needed in the booming Las Vegas area, the nation's fifth-largest school district. CCSD officials estimate that nearly 1,200 new teachers will be needed before next fall.

Troops to Teachers is a Department of Defense and Department of Education cooperative program, helping eligible military members start second careers as public school teachers. Since its inception in 1994, more than 9,000 program alumni are now teaching at school districts around the country. For information on Troops to Teachers, visit http://www.ProudtoServeAgain.com.

Knowledge at your fingertips

As distance learning has changed over the years, going from print-based to online content, so has

information research techniques. Elliott Masie, the opening keynote speaker at the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium in July 2006, makes some very interesting points in his podcast "Learning in the Age of Google." As he states, "...there is a revolutionary and fundamental change on a global level with how people walk their way to knowl-

"...there is a revolutionary and fundamental change on a global level with how people walk their way to knowledge."

– Elliott Masie, opening keynote speaker at the DoD Worldwide Education Symposium edge." What once took hours to locate, can now be found in seconds. Information on research topics can be easily discovered at a single site (in front of the computer) rather than at various physical sites. Individuals are beginning to expect

to have the ability

to have knowledge

at their fingertips.

Masie refers to this concept as "fingertip knowledge."

Listen to one or all 11 of his interesting concepts on learning at http://www.learning2006.com/dallas. The audio podcast files should play on your computer. Or, if you prefer, you can print each of the 30-minute mini-seminars on key



learning topics as PDF text transcripts.

(After clicking on the above Web link, click on the arrow like the one pictured, to listen to the podcast.)

The ability to create podcasts will be demonstrated at the Dallas TeleCollege Exhibit Booth at the DoD WW06 Symposium.

Spouses to Teachers' program unveils new logo

Spouses to Teachers now has something to go along with its growing program: a logo.

The Department of Defense program unveiled its new logo in June, with a purple flag representing all Services, and a Stars-and-Stripes apple symbolizing the teaching profession and the U.S. military.

Spouses to Teachers assists military spouses interested in a teaching career and assists in the state-to-state certification transfers for those spouses already teaching. The program provides counseling and guidance on state certification requirements, certification options

and state employment resources. Funding is also available to eligible

spouses toward the reimbursement of testing fees required for state teacher licensure/certification.

Started in 2004 in six states, Spouses to Teachers now is available in 14 states.

For information, visit

http://www.SpousesToTeachers.com or e-mail stt@voled.doded.mil.



Education success story

Tech. Sgt. Jay Holzinger, currently deployed in Iraq, is a high achiever and a good leader who sends all of his people to the Ed Center and even

brings them in. He really pushes education and DANTES testing in the units and is successful at it. This man BELIEVES IN TESTING. When our ESO wants a student's opinion on a test, she goes to him.

He has successfully accumulated 96 testing credits and passed 25 DANTES tests. In my 24 years with DOD, I only had one young soldier (20 years ago at Ft. Campbell, Ky.) obtain a comparable testing record.



Tech. Sgt. Holzinger currently deployed in Iraq.

These tests made it possible for deployed in Iraq.

Tech. Sgt. Holzinger to achieve his CCAF degree very quickly. Many of his credits were accepted by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, and now these tests are making it possible for him to complete his bachelor's degree.

Holzinger will be retiring next spring and would like to attend Wright State University in Ohio to work on a master's in Logistics and Supply. "The sooner I finish that, the sooner I can start on my doctorate," said Holzinger. (Submitted by Education Services Specialist Pat Dollman, Beale AFB, Calif.)

Do you have an education success story? Submit your 100-word story to pubs@voled.doded.mil. Pictures are encouraged.



YEARS AGO

Thirty years ago in the DANTES Information Bulletin (DIB);

- Two new DSSTs are: Survey of English Literature and Fundamentals of Radio.
- The revision to the prototype edition of the DANTES Independent Study Catalog (DISC) will be distributed during the 4th quarter of FY76.
- Half of all answering sheets submited for scoring contain errors. One of the most common errors is gridding the testing date in the space where date of birth belongs.

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